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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 10/564,477)	Group Art Unit: 1793
Filed: January 13, 2006)	Examiner: Mark L. Shevin
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING)	Confirmation No.: 8979
CONCENTRATES)	

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance set forth at pages 3 and 4 of the Notice of Allowability dated December 24, 2008, Applicants respectfully submit the following comments.

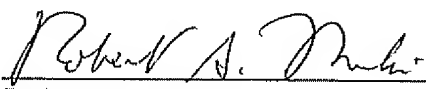
In paragraph 11 of the Notice of Allowance, it is believed that first sentence of the paragraph should read "The closest prior art, Baczek, does not remove iron by neutralization but by crystallization"

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the above, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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